

FISCAL NOTE

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March 30, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL: Directs the Department of Environment and Conservation to:

- conduct a study relative to the various public safety and health risks associated with methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE), and especially the threat that the continued use of MTBE in gasoline poses to Tennessee's groundwater supply and consequently the state's drinking water supply.
- review and evaluate impact studies relative to the maintenance and improvement of emissions and air quality benefits achieved by the use of reformulated gasoline.
- explore the feasibility and determine the fiscal impact of expending excess funds in the Petroleum Underground Storage Tank Fund to effectuate the removal of MTBE from gasoline and the introduction of reformulated gasoline into Tennessee.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Exceeds \$100,000

Based on information received from the Department of Environment and Conservation, the cost to evaluate both the ground water issues and the reformulated gasoline issues would exceed \$100,000 based on the cost of similar studies done in other states.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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